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# City update

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## City teams walk 25,000 miles —

# that's over 50 million steps!

Eighteen teams walked 50,149,989 steps to complete the eight-week 10,000 Steps Winter Olympics Team Competition. That translates into over 25,000 miles!

The teams that completed the competition are:

- Team Fierce Steppers,
- Ramblin Recs,
- Team Flower Children,
- Motley Krew, and
- The Whistling Walkers
- all from Parks and Recreation;
- Bob's Beauties
- from TMS;
- The Otters from OFS;
- The Fast and Furious Four,
- The Survivors, and
- Shake, Shuffle, and Stroll
- all from Public Health;
- Sole Mates and
- MarGOs Team
- both from PED:
- The Drip Chicks
- from Water;
- Long Legged Liepers and
- Walk-a-Ways
- both from LIEP;
- The Happy Hoofers
- from Public Works; and
- Fire Walkers and
- Walkie Talkies
- both from Fire



#### And the winner is...

The Long-Legged Liepers won the Gold by walking 4,295,951 steps in eight weeks! This team is made up of Kathy Donovan, Dave Nelmark, Dave Olson, and Sue Synstegaard. They all received a \$45 gift card from Target.

The Silver "trophy" goes to Bob's Beauties who had the most improved step count from week one to week eight. This group received a \$35 Target gift card and includes Bob Kessler, Kate Hines, Chris Rider, and Lauri Woolstencroft.



Motley Krew is the winner of the Bronze "trophy" participation drawing. Gary Korum, Kathy Korum, Andrea Pluff, and Maureen Watson all received a \$30 Target gift card.

Congratulations to these teams and all the teams who participated in the 10,000 Steps Winter Olympics!

# 'The Old Como Gang Long Gone' — a look back at 1927.

The father of a City employee has written a book many employees and Saint Paul residents may enjoy.

Local author Leo T. McCall returns to his boyhood days in the Como neighborhood of 1927 in his book "The Old Como Gang Long Gone," co-written by his son Michael J. McCall.

It's a year's adventures stories of Harry McCool and his buddies, during the "most angst-ridden year of Harry's young life" as they experience the best of Saint Paul life — everything from the Winter Carnival to baseball, the state fair, Halloween, and Christmas, with much more in between.



This was the same year that three famous Americans visited Saint Paul and McCall remembers them all: Charles Lindberg flew into the Holman Airport, band leader John Philip Sousa performed at the State Fair, and Babe Ruth and his New York Yankees played the St. Paul Saints at the Lexington Park.

The book also describes the hardships of growing up in a family of

six when the father dies shortly after the birth of the youngest child and the need for Harry to earn money as a newspaper carrier to feed the family.

McCall, 82, is a lifelong St Paul resident and former advertising salesman. McCall has four children, and his youngest, Peter J. McCall, is employed by the City Attorney's Office as legal counsel for the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

The book is available at Barnes and Noble in the Har Mar Mall, the University of St Thomas bookstore, St Patrick's Guild, Bober Drug on Grand and Lexington Avenues and the Irish Embassy (formerly Mitch's) on West Seventh St.



# Pre-qualified or Pre-approved: What's the difference?

Many steps go into shopping for a house. One is getting pre-qualified for a mortgage.

When you pre-qualify, you get an estimate of how much house you can afford, approximate monthly payments, and down payment and closing costs.

However, don't confuse being pre-qualified with being pre-approved.

In a pre-approval, your credit history, employment history, debts, gross income before taxes, and your spouse's income — if you're married, and any property or assets you own will be formally assessed, rather than just informally reviewed as in a prequalification.

If you're ready to buy a home, you'll want to be pre-approved for your mortgage loan.

Call CCCU at 651-225-2700 or stop in with any of your mortgage questions, or to get pre-approved.

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## City job openings as of May 31st, 2002

Application deadline	Job title	Wage or salary rate	Exam date
06/10/02	Accounting Clerk II	\$1,088.39 bi-weekly	06/20/02
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,417.26 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
06/06/02	Human Resources Director	\$2,942.14 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
06/12/02	Human Resources Specialist II	\$1,517.38 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	IS Info/Tech Analyst IV	\$2,470.54 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist IV	\$1,640.13 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
06/07/02	Parking Enforcement Officer	\$948.88 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	Senior Pool Attendant (seasonal)	\$9.79 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Swimming Pool Supervisor (seasonal)	\$11.37 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor (seasonal)	\$8.25 per hr	See Job Ann

Please Note: Mayor Kelly has announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul. The testing and application process will be continuing for certain positions, and hiring decisions will be made on a case by case basis. The City does anticipate that some exceptions to the freeze will be approved, particularly for certain seasonal/summer positions. You are encouraged to continue your interest in City employment by completing the job application process.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after May 23rd, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.